Edmonston Drive Bridge **Design Work to Start**

Project Description:

The City's bridge consultant, *EBA Engineering, Inc.*, will be designing improvements to the Edmonston Drive bridge and preparing drawings for future construction. The bridge spans over CSX Transportation and WMATA rail lines between Lewis Avenue and Rockville Pike (MD355). This design task and field investigation is scheduled to begin during the week of July 16, weather permitting. The first task in design will be to conduct a surface inspection and take measurements of the bridge.

During the survey and design phase, there are no planned lane closures. If travel lanes along the bridge need to be closed in order to analyze the bridge, an additional advisory will be mailed. There are no other planned impacts during design. You will see EBA Engineering crews walking on and around the bridge structure. Construction is planned to start within 12 to 18 months. Access from under the bridge is required for both design and construction. Permitting and approval from CSX and WMATA is expected to take 12-15 months. Access permits for inspection are expected to take up to 6 months alone.

Purpose:

As part of Rockville's Bridge Rehabilitation program, the Department of Public Works will be repairing bridges within City rights-of-way. Inspections of the 19 City-owned long span bridges (greater than 20-feet) are federally funded and are inspected every two years. This program meets the Mayor and Council's goal for a sustainable infrastructure. The program repairs bridges prioritized based upon structural improvements recommendeded in the bridge inspection reports.

Location: Edmonston Drive bridge between Lewis Avenue and Rockville Pike (MD355).

Timeline: Design is anticipated to begin during the week of July 16, weather permitting.

Cost: \$77,000 (estimated design cost)

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